MOTION TO AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

DR. KARAN SINGH (NCT OF DELHI): Sir, I move:

That this House agrees with the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the committee on Ethics presented to the Rajya Sabha on the 13th December, 2005.

The question was proposed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of the Government, I support the motion moved by Dr. Karan Singh, for consideration ....(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: माननीय सदस्य, प्लीज टेक योर सीट।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री एस॰ एस॰ अहलुवालिया: आप मोशल को पढ़कर सुना दीजिए। (व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: एक मिनट, एक मिनट। ...(व्यवधान)... आप मोशन को पढ़कर सुना दीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

DR. KARAN SINGH: Sir, I, as the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, have been authorised by the Committee to present the Fifth Report to the hon. House on its behalf.

Hon. Chairman, Rajya Sabha, on 12th December, 2005, had made an announcement referring the matter pertaining to the telecasting of a programme entitled 'Operation Duryodhan' by a private channel illustrating actions tantamount to a serious violation of the Code of Conduct by some Members of Parliament, to the Committee on Ethics, Rajya Sabha, for examination, investigation and report, under Rule 303 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States. Hon. Chairman, while making the announcement in the House *inter-alia* expressed his deep concern over the incidents depicted in the programme, which have tarnished the image of the august institution of Parliament.

The Committee, in its sitting held on 12th December, 2005, that is, yesterday, took up for consideration the reference made to it. The Committee held preliminary discussions on the subject, appreciated the deep concern expressed by the hon. Chairman and resolved to act with

urgency in the matter. The Committee took serious note of the situation arising out of the telecasting of the programme, which has damaged the image of Parliament and brought this august institution into disrepute.

The Committee noted that one of the Members, shown in the programme, is Dr. Chhattrapal Singh Lodha of the Rajya Sabha. Since the Member has been caught on tape accepting money for asking questions, the Committee unanimously recommends that Dr. Lodha should be suspended from the House, pending the presentation of the final report of the Committee. Meanwhile, the Committee also decided that an opportunity be given to Dr. Lodha to explain his position in the matter within forty-eight hours.

The Committee considered and adopted this Report at its sitting held on 12 December, 2005.

I once again move the motion that the House agrees with the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Committee on Ethics, presented to the Rajya Sabha on 13th December.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

That this House agrees with the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Committee on Ethics presented to the Rajya Sabha on the 13th December, 2005.

The motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Sir, I present the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development:—

(i) One Hundred Sixty-Eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Action Taken by Government on recommendations/observations contained in Hundred Fifty-Ninth Report on "Demands for Grants (2005-2006) of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports."